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Minutes of the General Membership Meeting  
February 10, 2014 Bass River Grill, Cheshire, MA

**Chair's Report: Dr. Michael Williams**

Dr. Michael Williams welcomed everyone to this evenings meeting.

Dr. Charlie Nemser is currently the Clinical Director for the BMC Dental Residency Clinic. He has been contacted by "[Soldier On](#)" with a request to be able to provide dental services to those veterans who reside here. Dr. Nemser is looking to find a local Dentist who will provide dental treatment to these veterans at the new, modern BMC Dental Clinic at 510 North Street. This will be a salaried position via BMC for a Dentist to work one day a week. Please contact Dr. Nemser at [cnemser@bhs1.org](mailto:cnemser@bhs1.org) for more information.

Dr. Thomas Sakshaug spoke on behalf of a BMC Dental Resident who needs help finding board patients for the North East Regional Examinations. This resident needs patients with a Class 2 and Class 3 carious lesion and a periodontal patient. If any local dentist knows of a patient willing to obtain these dental services at no charge, please contact Dr. Sakshaug at [doctom1977@gmail.com](mailto:doctom1977@gmail.com) .

**BDDS Representative's to MDS Council's Report:**

Dr. Ed Helitzer represents BDDS on the Council of Benefits. A meeting of this Council and all the Executive Directors of State Societies of the First District took place at this past Yankee. Dr. Helitzer stated that Maine is working on having a "Mid Level Provider" provide non-reversible dental services in that state. This provider will attend a four-year program after college and be able to provide simple restorations and hygiene services. This legislative agenda is being pursued as a solution to the access to dental care problem in Maine. Such legislation has been voted down in New Hampshire but is

being considered in Vermont. This is an example where the MDS-PAC represents the interests of Massachusetts Dentists in our Legislature. (Currently this post is vacant in the Berkshire District and in need of a volunteer to represent BDDS.)

### **Items from the Floor:**

Dr. Paul Gamache wanted to Thank all the Berkshire members who volunteered at this past Yankee Convention and especially Dr. Robert Edwards, Dr. Thomas Sakshaug, Dr. Jay Wise and Sergey Yantovsky. Our professional society functions better through all those members' who volunteer their efforts in creating an entity greater than the sum of its parts. The BDDS Nominations Committee chaired by Dr. Jim Nesti is currently looking for members interested in serving as officers and/or council representatives. Please contact Dr. Nesti at [drnesti@aol.com](mailto:drnesti@aol.com) for more information.

Dr. Michael Wasserman also Thanked all those Berkshire members that to add to this successful convention. He recognized Dr. Alan Gold as serving as a Co-Chair on a Core Committee and Dr. Louis Yarmosky who presented a two hour lecture.

### **Items deferred to next meeting:**

Dr. Jim Nesti, Nominations Chair stated that the 2014-2015 BDDS Ballot would be emailed out to the membership prior to the March 10, 2014 meeting. Please review this ballot before the next meeting, as a vote will be taken to ratify it.

### **Dental Continuing Education Meeting:**

Dr. Charlie Nemser hosted tonight's meeting. Dr. Michael Williams and Dr. Joshua Kleederman gave a talk on the HyBridge Denture Prosthesis.

### **Next General Membership Meeting:**

Dr. Michael Cestone will host our next Monday Night Meeting on March 10, 2014. Dr. Raymond Meandro and Dr. Eric Holmgren will speak on Impacted Cuspids.